



# Indiana Agriculture Report



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## INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during March 2012 totaled 148.3 million pounds, down 7 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 2,900 cattle killed totaled 3.1 million pounds. Total live weight of the 714,000 hogs killed totaled 193.3 million pounds. The 2,700 sheep slaughtered during March 2012 totaled 293,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.17 billion pounds in March, down 4 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in March 2011. Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down 7 percent from March 2011. The average live weight was up 23

pounds from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.0 million pounds, 18 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,400 head, down 19 percent from March 2011. The average live weight was down 1 pound from last year, at 283 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.52 million head, down 4 percent from March 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 279 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 1 percent from March 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,200 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 149 pounds, up 3 pounds from March a year ago.

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### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER <sup>1</sup>

Species	Indiana				United States			
	March		January - March		March		January - March	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
<b>Cattle</b>								
Number of Head (000)	3.5	2.9	10.1	9.5	2,959.1	2,751.1	8,314.4	8,024.5
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,059	1,063	1,063	1,065	1,276	1,299	1,287	1,302
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,695	3,104	10,740	10,113	3,761,349	3,566,623	10,664,869	10,426,041
<b>Calves</b>								
Number of Head (000)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	73.0	59.4	213.8	187.3
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	284	283	270	273
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	20,311	16,760	56,304	50,944
<b>Hogs</b>								
Number of Head (000)	758.4	714.0	2,113.1	2,103.1	9,872.5	9,521.6	27,482.9	28,103.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	272	271	273	271	278	279	278	278
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	206,003	193,256	576,207	570,077	2,739,640	2,653,411	7,627,448	7,821,509
<b>Sheep</b>								
Number of Head (000)	2.5	2.7	6.8	7.8	193.8	190.2	510.2	520.4
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	107	108	110	108	146	149	142	149
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	265	293	749	841	28,172	28,350	72,304	77,241

<sup>1</sup> Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Livestock Slaughter*, March 23, 2012.

## INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 325 million pounds during March 2012, up 5.0 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 176,000 head, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.5 billion pounds, up 4.3 percent from March 2011. February revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 8.2 percent from February 2011. The February revision represented a decrease of 13 million pounds or

0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be up 4.5 percent on a per day basis.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,931 pounds for March, 59 pounds above March 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.52 million head, 94,000 head more than March 2011, and 9,000 head more than February 2012.

### MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, MARCH 2011-2012

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	Change from 2011
	(Thousand Head)		(Pounds)		(Million Pounds)		(Percent)
<b>INDIANA</b>	172	176	1,795	1,845	309	325	105
Illinois	98	100	1,715	1,770	168	177	102
Iowa	209	204	1,825	1,900	381	388	102
Michigan	364	375	1,985	2,070	723	776	102
Minnesota	469	465	1,660	1,710	779	795	103
Ohio	269	270	1,660	1,710	447	462	104
Wisconsin	1,266	1,269	1,775	1,845	2,247	2,341	104
23 State							
Total	8,425	8,519	1,872	1,931	15,773	16,452	104

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Milk Production*, March 19, 2012.

## 2011 INDIANA CASH RECEIPTS UP 23 PERCENT

Cash receipts for crops, livestock, and all commodities were up for 2011 in Indiana and Nationwide. Indiana farmers received an estimated \$11.8 billion during calendar year 2011 from the sale of all agricultural commodities, an increase of 23 percent from a year earlier. Indiana remained in 8th position in the Nation for total cash receipts. Of the total, 72 percent came from crops and 28 percent from livestock and livestock products.

Cash receipts from the sale of crops totaled \$8.5 billion, up 26 percent from a year earlier. Indiana moved up to 6th position among all states in the sale of crops,

compared to 7th position in 2010. Livestock and livestock products accounted for \$3.3 billion in cash receipts, up 17 percent from 2010, moving Indiana back one spot to 18th position.

Preliminary cash receipts for the nation in 2011 totaled \$365.6 billion, up 16 percent from a year earlier. Of the total, 56 percent came from crops and 44 percent from livestock and livestock products. Cash receipts from crops totaled \$203.2 billion, up 18 percent from 2010. Livestock and livestock products accounted for \$162.4 billion, 15 percent above 2010.

### 2011 CASH RECEIPTS <sup>1</sup>

Rank	All Commodities		Crops		Livestock	
	State	Million Dollars	State	Million Dollars	State	Million Dollars
1	California	41,385	California	29,075	Texas	13,762
2	Iowa	29,803	Iowa	17,460	Iowa	12,343
3	Nebraska	21,426	Illinois	17,016	California	12,310
4	Texas	20,872	Nebraska	11,578	Nebraska	9,848
5	Illinois	19,594	Minnesota	11,470	Kansas	8,906
6	Minnesota	18,615	<b>Indiana</b>	8,467	Wisconsin	7,355
7	Kansas	15,786	Texas	7,110	Minnesota	7,146
8	<b>Indiana</b>	11,812	Kansas	6,881	North Carolina	6,598
9	Wisconsin	11,396	Ohio	6,492	Oklahoma	5,420
10	North Carolina	10,199	Florida	6,476	Georgia	4,497

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

Source: USDA-ERS, *2011 Total Cash Receipts*, February 13, 2012.

## TOP ALFALFA AND OTHER HAY COUNTIES

Indiana's leading county in the production of alfalfa hay during 2011 was Elkhart County, which produced a total of 72,600 tons. Lagrange took second place, followed by Marshall, Noble, and Allen Counties.

Indiana's leading county for other hay production during 2011 was Washington County, which produced 46,700

total tons. Greene took second place, followed by Lawrence, Harrison, and Dubois Counties.

The preceding information is part of the county level data provided by the County Agricultural Production Survey, which was conducted last fall after harvest. For further results from this survey, please visit our web site listed on the back of this publication.

### LEADING INDIANA COUNTIES IN PRODUCTION OF ALFALFA AND OTHER HAY

2011 Crop		R a n k	2011 Crop	
Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay	
County	Production		County	Production
	(1,000 Tons)		(1,000 Tons)	
Elkhart	72.6	1	Washington	46.7
Lagrange	57.6	2	Greene	38.4
Marshall	57.0	3	Lawrence	36.5
Noble	51.0	4	Harrison	35.8
Allen	38.3	5	Dubois	35.6

SOURCE: Indiana Field Office, *County Estimates – Alfalfa & Other Hay*, April 12, 2012.

## DAIRY PRODUCTION

Butter production was 170 million pounds, 13.9 percent above February 2011 but 5.8 percent below January 2012. American type cheese production totaled 348 million pounds, 5.7 percent above February 2011, but 6.3 percent below January 2012. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 858 million pounds, 6.2 percent above February 2011 but 5.8 percent below January 2012. Creamed cottage cheese production was 25.7 million pounds, and lowfat cottage cheese in the U.S. totaled 31.9 million pounds.

The Nation's dairy plants produced 63.0 million gallons of hard ice cream during February 2012, up 1.9 percent from the same period last year. Lowfat ice cream output totaled 30.5 million gallons, up 9.3 percent from the February 2011 level. Hard sherbet production was 3.13 million gallons for the month, up 4.2 percent from the previous year. Total frozen yogurt production was 5.29 million gallons, up 20.0 percent from February 2011.

### PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 2012 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1</sup>

Product	February 2011	January 2012	February 2012	Percent of	
				February 2011	January 2012
	(Million Pounds)			(Percent)	
Butter	149.3	180.6	170.1	114	94
American Cheese <sup>2</sup>	328.9	370.7	347.5	106	94
All Cheese	807.5	910.5	857.8	106	94
Cottage Cheese, Curd	34.3	35.3	34.6	101	98
Cottage Cheese, Cream	26.4	26.0	25.7	97	99
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat	31.4	33.5	31.9	102	95
Sour Cream	86.5	102.9	97.8	113	95
	(Million Gallons)			(Percent)	
Frozen Products					
Ice Cream (Hard)	61.8	55.2	63.0	102	114
Lowfat Ice Cream (Hard)	13.1	13.5	13.7	105	102
Sherbet (Hard)	3.0	3.1	3.1	104	103
Frozen Yogurt	4.4	3.5	5.3	120	152

<sup>1</sup> Percents may not calculate due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Dairy Products*, April 4, 2012.

## U.S. POULTRY SLAUGHTER UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2012 was 4.60 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.93 billion pounds, up 4 percent from February 2011. Mature chickens, at 61.0 million pounds, were down slightly from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 586 million pounds, up 7 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.5 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2012 averaged 5.82 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.52 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2012 averaged 30.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2011.

### POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 2012 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Number Slaughtered			Live Weight		
	February 2011	January 2012	February 2012	February 2011	January 2012	February 2012
	(Million Head)			(Million Pounds)		
<u>Chickens</u>						
Young	659.4	707.2	675.8	3,799.5	4,131.5	3,934.9
Mature	11.0	12.8	11.1	61.1	67.9	61.0
Total <sup>1</sup>	670.4	720.1	686.9	3,860.6	4,199.4	3,996.0
<u>Turkeys</u>						
Young	17.8	19.3	18.9	544.8	597.4	583.2
Old	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.7	2.8	2.6
Total <sup>1</sup>	18.0	19.4	19.0	548.5	600.2	585.8
<u>Ducks</u>	1.8	2.1	2.0	12.6	14.3	13.5

<sup>1</sup> Totals may differ due to rounding.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Poultry Slaughter*, March 26, 2012.

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